Dear Editor, or, if Oped, Orwell's Prize Student

Having until now blamed almost all the ills of the ever-sick Muslim world on Israel and Jews, in his "New Lebanese Threats" column Roy Meachum for the first time, also blames Christians. In doing this he gives us a brilliant display of ~~the~~ his scholarship of which he so often reminds us: He sure learned his Orwell well.

George Orwell, who said you control the future by controlling the past and whose "Big Brother" was forever rewriting history for that purpose.

That France sent a naval force to the eastern part of the Mediterranean to be able to protect its 7000 citizens living in Lebanon can't be true because France is an imperialistic ~~power~~. Castigating Christian France for "the latest impevialistic gesture" he misuses this to justify still more of the Muslim terrorism he has so long defended. It is, he says, a new "exouse for terror." It has plunged his "despair and disgust" to "new depths."

So his trusting readers can "understand what is going on" in Lebanon he gives them " a brief review" of history - his rewriting of history a la Orwell to make only Christians entirely responsible for this incredible, bestial Arab slaughter of Arabs.

True to Orwell he has major omissions. He makes no mention of the Eisenhower administration's dispatch of our military when without that intervention the warring factions might have worked out their disagreements ~~and perhaps modified the de facto~~ Then Rafi Ali can agreement which divided power between Christians and Arabs.

True also to both Orwell and the PLO that he loves and defends against anything and ~~all~~ everything, no matter how horrible, he also fails to inform his readers that the current Lebanese tragedy was set off with the PLO's move to Lebanon from Jordan. That, as he also hasn't troubled his readers to know, was not caused by Jews or Christians but by ~~the arafats themselves~~ Arafat and his PLO. They were trying to overthrow King Hussein and take Jordan over when ~~he & his~~ Hussein's army drove them out. And here, together with what he also doesn't mention, the Syrian ~~invasion~~ occupation, is the immediate cause of the wreckage and indescribable slaughter of Arab by Arab in Lebanon. Both PLO and Syria tried to take Lebanon over.

Because Meachum defends everything Muslim until he has no alternative he never told his readers the claim the PLO can make for controlling Jordan. Britain, whose imperialism in it he also does not mention, when it took over the Ottoman Empire after World War I, which he does go into, created the Palestinian state of Trans-Jordan from 70 percent of the Palestine territory. Naturally, that Winston Churchill intended and much of the world expected the smaller remaining fraction would be for a Jewish state, now Israel, he can't say after all he has written critical of Israel and in defense of Muslims in general and the PLO in particular. Nor, in his consummate scholarship, has he mentioned that the majority of Jordan's population is of Palestinian original, that is only natural because Jordan is the larger part of Palestine.

Meachum is as predictable as the day-night cycle. An article in the Washington Post, which he reads and sometimes quotes, published two weeks before his newest practise of Orwell, quotes the college professor son of a great Lebanese diplomat and UN official, Charles Malik, on the present troubles in Lebanon. Professor Malik states that just about all Lebanese factions, those that are killing each other in particular, agree that the immediate problem is the Syrian occupation and that the Syrians must leave if there is to be any possibility of any kind of peace, any saving of what remains of Lebanon and its people.

Although he castigates Lebanon's president as "only another Lebanese warlord," the fact is that it is his Christian army that is fighting to drive Syria out of Lebanon.

As, I would like to believe, Meachum would approve of Americans who would fight to drive out, let us say, Mexican or Canadian armies were they to invade the United States.

Lebanon does indeed face many threats, although the only one is this column is both imaginary and Christian. But virtually 100 percent of Lebanon's actual problems

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Meacham says exactly the opposite.

This qualifies him as a prize Orwell student and practitioner.